

FISCAL NOTE

HB 821 - SB 1353

February 14, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Modifies membership criteria and appointment process for the Tennessee Commission on Indian Affairs as follows:

- Adds two members to the Commission; one member from each of the four defined geographical regions; and one member from each of the three grand divisions of the state.
- Creates a Tennessee Native American Convention.
- Requires the Tennessee Native American Convention to submit a list of 4 nominees from each of the specified areas to the speakers of the house and senate for each vacancy, including initial vacancies, on the commission. The speakers shall jointly appoint a member to the Commission from each list of nominees.
- Members of the Commission would elect a chair and a secretary.
- Commission meetings would rotate between the 4 major cities in the state.
- Requires notice of meetings, minutes and annual reports of the meetings to be posted on the Commission's website.
- The Commission remains attached to the Department of Environment and Conservation for administrative purposes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000

Estimate assumes the Commission will experience an increase in expenditures for the cost of reimbursing the additional board members for their traveling expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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